

WASHINGTON – Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28) today announced a \$987,499 grant to the Veterans Outreach Center in Rochester to help veterans and their families find and keep permanent housing.

The funding comes as part of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program, which is designed to assist private and non-profit organizations, such as The Veterans Outreach Center (VOC), that help struggling veterans by providing support services and promoting housing stability. The grant will go to serve approximately 500 participant households in the New York Counties of Orleans, Monroe, Wayne, Livingston, Ontario.

“This grant is a real testament to the good work done by the people at The Veterans Outreach Center,” said Slaughter. “It’s so important that we take care of our veterans, especially as more and more return home from Iraq and Afghanistan. These individuals have sacrificed enormously for us, and the least we can do is help them find a job and decent place to rest their heads at night. I’m pleased that this grant will go toward achieving just that.”

Opened in 1973 to support Vietnam veterans coping with their wartime experiences and to facilitate government benefits claims, VOC has evolved to meet the contemporary and ever-changing need of all veterans so that they can resume productive civilian lives.

Through the SSVF Program, the VA aims to improve very low-income Veteran families' housing stability in conjunction with organizations such as the VOC. Grantees, which include private, non-profit organizations and consumer cooperatives from across the country, provide supportive services to very low-income Veteran families living in or transitioning to permanent housing.